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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants provisionally elect the subject matter of Group I, namely claims 1-10, 11-16 and 25-31, in part, for initial examination in this application. The election is made with traverse as it is believed that all of the compounds of Formula I can be searched without undue burden on the Office. Accordingly it is requested that the Restriction Requirement be modified so that claims 1-10, 11-16 and 25-31 are examined in their entirety.

In response to the requirement for an election of a single disclosed species, the Applicants hereby elect the species of (R)-3-(2-heptylamino)propionic acid. The structure of this compound is set forth in Example 5 at page 22, line 5, of the application as filed.

Early and favorable action on the merits is awaited. Should the Examiner deem it beneficial to discuss the application in greater detail, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at (416) 957-1683 at his convenience.

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